

Fee Changes Taking Effect on November 1, 2003

The Judicial Conference of the United States approved increases to certain fees and made other changes to the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. The new fees take effect on **November 1, 2003**.

Filing or Service Having a Fee-Related Change	NEW Fee Effective on November 1, 2003	Notes
Commencement of Case	\$209 for ch. 7 \$839 for ch. 11 \$239 for ch. 12 \$194 for ch. 13	The \$30 administrative fee, due at the initial case filing, has been increased to \$39 .
1. Motion for Relief from Stay; 2. Motion to Withdraw the Reference; 3. Motion to Compel Abandonment of Estate Property	\$ 150	In addition to the fee increase for these motions, the Judicial Conference approved <i>two exceptions</i> to this fee: 1) motions for relief from the codebtor stay in chapter 12 and 13; and 2) stipulations for court approval of an agreement pertaining to stay relief.
Fee for Splitting Joint Case	\$155 for ch. 7 \$800 for ch. 11 \$200 for ch. 12 \$155 for ch. 13	The fee for splitting a joint case equals the full filing fee. However, it does not include the administrative fee (\$39 on Nov. 1 st) charged in all cases nor the \$15 trustee surcharge in chapter 7 cases.
Appeals and Cross Appeals	\$ 255	The \$255 amount is comprised of the \$250 docketing fee and the \$5 filing fee.
Amendment to Schedules (D, E & F), List of Creditors or Matrix	\$ 26	The Judicial Conference added language regarding <i>two exceptions</i> : no fee is due when 1) changing the address of a listed creditor or 2) adding the name and address of a listed creditor's attorney.
Case Reopening	No change in amount	<i>[Item 11 of the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule permits the court to defer a trustee's payment of the case reopening fee where the trustee is reopening to bring additional assets into the estate.]</i> The Judicial Conference approved the inclusion of language stating that if payment is deferred, the fee should be <i>waived</i> where no additional assets are discovered.
Search of Records	\$ 26	

Records Retrieval from Federal Records Center	\$ 45	
Certification	\$ 9	
Exemplifications	\$ 18	
Tape Duplication	\$ 26	
Microfilm/Microfiche of Court Record	\$ 5	
Filing or Indexing of Miscellaneous Paper	\$ 39	
Returned Check	\$ 45	